

Culture Comic Prompts:

These prompts are only here to help guide you and your creative journey. You do not have to use them and you may change them as much or as little as you like. Just make sure to use your imagination and tell a great story!

1. One stormy night, lightning struck a museum, bringing a small statue to life. The figure stumbled to its feet, confused and unsure of who they were. Suddenly filled with life and curiosity, the statue searches through the museum, finding fragments of history, determined to find out who they are and where they came from.

Need help with the Prompt?

- Research areas of black history and where the statue could have come from or who they may have been (Black history is expansive so think outside the box)
- The statue may be a real historical figure or completely made up
- You can also think of Black artists or the influence of Black culture in art.
- Maybe the statue's journey will explore the life of an artist, or the history of an art movement

2. During a fun family day out, a curious pet becomes separated from their owners. Lost and alone, the pet begins to hunt for familiar clues that remind them of their family. With each clue, and help from some friends they meet along the way, the pet gets closer and closer to finding their family again.

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- What cultural elements may the pet notice that reminds them of their family?
- Think about clothing, food, dialects, places, phrases etc
- What if each of the friends they meet help them understand the clues, where they come from, and what they mean?
- There are many different aspects of Black culture from across the world, so make sure you do your research!

3. A young wizard inherits an old family heirloom said to connect them with their ancestors. When the heirloom is touched, it transports the wizard to a magical



world where they learn the ancient rituals and stories of their ancestors, traditions that help awaken powerful magical abilities. But will these newfound powers protect the wizard when a dark force threatens their village?

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- Look into African and Black indigenous ancestral practises, religions and spirituality (but be cautious of how you apply it with ideas of sorcery)
- Think of the perseverance of ancestral traditions throughout history
- Why would learning the traditions of their ancestors give the wizard the strength necessary to defeat the dark force
- Invent stories of Black magical kingdoms

4. A restless ghost drifts through the world, searching for their favourite person. The journey takes them across cities, through forests and deserts, and over deep oceans. Along the way, the ghost encounters spirits from history, each offering guidance and stories to help the ghost on their quest. But will the ghost ever find the person they are searching for?

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- Research prominent Black figures throughout history. Think activists, scientists, philosophers, artists, performers, royalty etc.
- How do the other spirits help them? Will the author Nikki Giovanni write them letters of guidance, or will pilot Bessie Coleman help them travel across the sea? What skills and knowledge can these prominent figures provide on the ghosts journey?

5. A shapeshifting alien crashes on Earth. With no way to get home, the alien must blend in among the humans, changing their appearance to avoid detection. As they hide, they observe the people, learn their customs, rituals, and social norms.



However, the more they observe, the more they begin to realise that humans are not as scary as they once thought.

Need help with the Prompt?

- Where has the alien landed? Black people exist in every area of the world, and in each place their cultural traditions vary, so take some time to research the culture that the alien finds themselves in.
 - What time period has the alien landed in? It doesn't have to be the present day.
 - Perhaps the alien landed during a festival or special occasion that you can explore.
6. While exploring their grandmother's attic, a teenager discovers a hidden artefact. When they touch it, they are transported to the time and space that the artefact came from. As they begin to understand their new world, they must figure out how the artefact connects to the events unfolding around them. Can they navigate this historical world before they are pulled back to the present?

Need help with the Prompt?

- Research moments in Black history across the globe.
- What are some moments we don't often get to hear about or see?
- Research different artifacts from those time periods. What relevance does the artefact have to the time period? What relevance do those artefacts have today?
- How has the grandparent come across this artefact and why have they kept it? Think about ideas of lineage.

